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QUOTE S E C R E T KHARTOUM 3832

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SUBJECT: FAHMY QUERY RE USG POLICY TOWARD SUDAN

REF: CAIRO 17750

1. EGYPTIAN REPORT RE ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN NEW ANTI-NIMEIRI REGIME PLOTTING (REFTEL) LOOKS TO US LIKE POLY BY EITHER MAHDISTS, LIBYANS OR--CONCEIVABLY--SOVIETS TO BUILD UP SOMEWHAT DOG-EARED ANSAR LEADERSHIP AND/OR UNDERMINE CURRENTLY CORDIAL USG/GOS RELATIONSHIP (WITH WHICH NIMEIRI HIMSELF RECENTLY PROFESSED HIMSELF PLEASED; KHARTOUM 3733, NOTAL). SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND OTHER SUDANESE MENTIONED PARA TWO REFTEL REPRESENT STABLE OF LEADING FIGURES IN ANTI-NIMEIRI "NATIONAL FRONT" ACTIVE

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FROM VARIETY EXILE LOCATIONS, NOTABLY LIBYA, FOR OVER THREE YEARS. ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY DURING TRIAPU HERE AFTER LAST SUMMER'S LIBYAN-BACKED COUP ATTEMPT, MAHDISTS WERE IN CONTACT WITH CIA IN PRE-1967 PERIOD WHEN CHARGES COGAN WAS ASSIGNED KHARTOUM AS POLITICAL OFFICER. PRESS LAST SUMMER EVEN CARRIED GARBLED VERSION HIS NAME. INCLUSION HIS NAME IN

CURRENT EGYPTIAN REPORT WAS NO DOUBT DESIGNED GIVE IT SPECIAL
AIR OF VERISIMILITUDE.

2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION DEPT STATEMENT REQUESTED BY AMB
EILTS, HOPE HE CAN BE AUTHORIZED ORALLY REENFORCE HIS COMMENTS
REFTEL RE NON-INVOLVEMENT CIA IN EFFORT LAY THE GHOST OF THE
EVIDENTLY PATHOLOGICAL EGYPTIAN SUSPICION RE SOME FORM OF
CONTINUING AGENCY CONTACT WITH EXILED OLD-LINE ANSAR LEADERSHIP.
END COMMENT.

3. FOR CAIRO. AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, ITEM ENTITLED "CLOSER
US RELATIONS WITH THE SUDAN" WAS CARRIED IN CRF ISSUE NO. 47,
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